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Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief

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THE REPLY FILED <u>19 June 2007</u> FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

    a) ☒ The period for reply expires <u>3</u> months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

    b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

    Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

<u>NOTICE OF APPEAL</u>

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will <u>not</u> be entered because

    (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

    (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);

    (c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

    (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

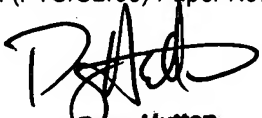   NOTE: *See Continuation Sheet*. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

    The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

    Claim(s) allowed: _____.

    Claim(s) objected to: _____.

    Claim(s) rejected: *1-10 and 12-17*.

    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

<u>AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE</u>

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will <u>not</u> be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will <u>not</u> be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

<u>REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER</u>

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: <u>See Continuation Sheet.</u>

12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____

13. ☐ Other: _____.

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 Continuation of 3. NOTE: Applicant's amendment after final office action filed on 06-19-2004, have been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance. .

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant argues the following issues, which are accordingly addressed below.

Applicant argues the Koss fails to teach, importing the plurality of source text files into the spreadsheet file after creating the source-format link, and creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the spreadsheet file after the importing (see the remarks pages 8-9).

The Examiner disagrees, as discuss in the in the final rejection mailed 04-19-2007, specifically Koss discloses each cell in the spreadsheet contains an internal index pointer which references a cell to an entry in the extended format table. Therefore, character format information is not stored in individual cells, and cells may share the same format combinations by merely setting the cell index pointer to point to a desired format combination (see Koss col. 1, lines 5-15). Also, see Koss Fig. 1 and col. 3, lines 50-65, discloses system 100, a spreadsheet 102, and cells 104, 106-108, and XF table 114 (i.e. XF table is external to the spreadsheet), and according to the principles of the present invention, the table indices of cells point to unique format combinations, e.g., cells 104, 106 having indices which point to unique entries in the XF table 114, or may share format combinations, e.g., cells 107, 108 having indices which point to the same entry in the XF table 114. Using the broadest reasonable interpretation, the examiner reads the text files from the XF table are into the spreadsheet is importing the plurality of source text files into the spreadsheet file as claimed. Also, see Koss Fig. 3-4 and col. 4, line 60 through col. 5, line 10, discloses the process 208, wherein the cell format changes when involved by fetching item 402 to the current cell for and recalling the format in the XF table pointed to by the index of the cell. Then item 404 copies the current cell format into a temp location, and the control them passes the item 406 to change the relevant bits in the extended format of interest of process 408. Also, see Koss Fig. 11a-11b, and col. 8, lines 1-5, discloses update the index entries in worksheet cells to point to the proper entries in the XF table. When invoked, item 1102. Using the broadest reasonable interpretation, the examiner reads cell format changes when involved by fetching item 402 to the current cell for and recalling the format in the XF table pointed to by the index of the cell and the updating notion is creating the source-format link, and creating a location link between the imported plurality of source text files and their locations into the spreadsheet file after the importing as claimed.

Accordingly, for at least all the above evidence, Examiner respectfully maintains the rejection of claims 1-10, and 12-17 at this time.